El-Op, an Elbit Systems subsidiary, will supply the CoMPASS - advanced observation system for Watchkeeper programme

Haifa, Israel, December 7 , 2005 Elbit Systems Ltd. (Nasdaq: ESLT), ("Elbit Systems") announced, that its subsidiary El-Op Electro Optics Industries (“ELOP") together with its main subcontractor, Thales UK land and joint systems in Taunton, has been chosen to supply its CoMPASS - advanced observation system - for the UK Watchkeeper UAV programme.

This is a part of the £317 million order awarded to U-TacS, the Elbit Systems and Thales UK's Joint Company as a part of the Watchkeeper programme .

The CoMPASS is designed for imagery intelligence mission observation applications and for serving as an advanced solution for UAV's, utility helicopters, attack helicopters, maritime helicopters, marine patrol aircraft and ground and maritime platforms. The latest system, containing El-Op's four cutting-edge electro-optic sensors, delivers enhanced high quality day and night imagery and laser range finding ,. It offers superior stabilization performance, highly accurate Line of Sight (LOS) positioning capability and precise LOS angular and range data.. Additionally, the CoMPASS system features enhanced automatic video tracker, special scan patterns, and enhanced image processing - all designed for operation in harsh airborne, marine and land scenarios.

El-Op CEO, Haim Rousso, said: “This order of the CoMPASS system for the Watchkeeper programme is a result of the Elbit Systems Group’s technological innovation and high performance level of our solutions in the imagery intelligence market and it will leverage its position as a leading company in the global payload industry”. Mr. Rousso added: “We believe that this win will further strengthen our presence in leading projects worldwide, as well as lead to additional orders”.

Watchkeeper will provide the UK armed forces with essential Intelligence, Surveillance, Target Acquisition and Reconnaissance (ISTAR) capabilities based on the unmanned air vehicle (UAV) system Hermes 450 and will be a key component of the UK’s Network Enabled Capability (NEC).

The payload series, including the MSIS, AMPS and CoMPASS, originally developed and manufactured by Elbit Systems subsidiary El-Op, demonstrates a variety of capabilities and performances designed to meet users' diverse needs. El-Op is currently developing additional new payloads to expand the variety of solutions available in this market, as well as leverage its industry-leading position as a payload maker.

EL-OP Ltd. is a globally recognized multidisciplinary electro-optics systems house – incorporating the full range of related technology and facilities under one roof. Among the company's outstanding achievements is the recent receipt of the Israel Defense Award for development of an imagery intelligence system with unique anti-terrorism warfare capabilities.

About Elbit Systems

Elbit Systems Ltd. is an international defense electronics company engaged in a wide range of defense-related programs throughout the world, in the areas of aerospace, land and naval systems, command, control, communications, computers, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance ("C4ISR"), advanced electro-optic and space technologies. The Company focuses on the upgrading of existing military platforms and developing new technologies for defense and homeland security applications.

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